

Leicester, Mass^{ts}, Sept. 11. 1858.

Dear Mr. Webb -

I write to acknowledge the receipt - a day or 2
since - of your account. I shall take it to Boston
with me tomorrow, & go over it with Mr. Wallcut.
If you have not sent me the balance of money,
please do not send it, until, at least, you hear
from me again. It is well, - & I think due to you,
that you should always have in your hands
some funds of ours, - as you are frequently called
upon for outlays in our behalf. Some of us here
will advance the money due, as by your receipts,
to the various A.S. papers, and the account will
be settled at Bazaar time. It is a pretty intricate
matter to keep all these little accounts straight - and
we cannot be too exact & particular. It is far the
most puzzling thing I have ever undertaken in the
shape of money - accounts. So many different concerns -
Bazaar, Standard, Liberator, Bugle, Una, Tract Fund, Books
& Pictures for one & another, - & payments coming for this year,
& next year, & back years, - all mixed together, and all
to be separated, - the date to which subscriptions are paid
to be noted & preserved, - &c. &c. make the work a rather
difficult one, at best. I am always doubtful how I

shall come through it, and always with I were
a practised book-keeper, when the thing has to be
done. - We are, I am sure, exceedingly obliged
to you for acting as the general agent abroad
for this many-sided & minute business. Surely
there is no one else who would be so willing,
I think, to undertake such a labour, and do it
so patiently, cheerfully, & exactly, as yourself.

On the ^{account} sheet you have now sent me, stand
first. your account previous to 1st April 1855.
all this you had sent me before. - Then, on the
other side, is your account, from 1st April to some time
in July. On this are some accounts, the particulars
of which are not given, as, John Mawson £5. for
"antislavery papers". How am I to pay this? Perhaps
P. Pillsbury (to whom you say it was paid) did not
inform you. Will you ask him to inform me, if
he has not sent to some of us the information
already, how it is to be divided. - Again, Miss
Whitledge 12/6 for Standard - no time fixed, probably
none given to you. - Dr. Hutton's Liberator, the
same, - but Wallcut can make that right, from
his books.

I knew you would have a postage tax
on the Report to pay (in addition to the 12cts.
I paid here), tho' I did not think it would be so
much as you say. But I thought, at any
expense, you, as Editor of Advocate, ought to
have an early copy. I sent no other to G. Britain.
I have made up a parcel of about 100, which I
shall forward next week, by Steamer or Train's
line, to your address. - Please look out for same.
The postage-charge on this sh^d. come from the
Advocate fund - not from your pocket. But, the
Advocate Fund is far in arrears. I am very
anxious to know how that will come out, and
whether it will be made up, ^{or can be} by our friends in
England, &c. - I have long felt it a question,
whether we, on this side, ought not to do something
for the Advocate ^{Fund}. What do you say?

Rev. J. P. Fessenden is an orthodox minister
in the State of Maine - but of a liberal stamp -
having early got his eyes open, & better still
kept them open. I am not personally acquainted
with him, & can now tell you no more about
him.

Theo. Parker has some soft spots in him;
one is his disposition never to blame the greatest
villains & doughfaces we have, - and to call
honestly all sorts of pretences & counterfeits of it.
Hence his praise of Dr. Gaunett, - of wh. you
speak. - ~~You say Mr. Gay never~~

I let Mr. Cotterell's account go - I know
I paid it twice over, out of one payment made
by him to you. That is all - I misunderstood it;
as you mentioned what turned out to be one & the
same payment, in 2 separate accounts. - It is
not worth while to say to him, or to any one, any
more on the subject.

I say with you, I hope the Advocate will
not have to be given up. I think it will be
the general voice that it must not be.

I have obtained ^{for you} 2 copies of "Obadiah Oldbuck"
not "Jonathan" as you wrote; but I presume I
have the right thing. It fully agrees with your
description, & is the only Oldbuck of the sort I have
ever heard of. I will send them soon. In haste,
Farewell, Saml May Jr.

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